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## Privately, Powell says consensus reached



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT

Interim College President Taylor Reveley could be confirmed by the BOV today.

*E-mail to students shows uncertainty, but in private  
Powell is 'betting' Reveley will get job*

By **MIKE CRUMP**  
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Interim College of William and Mary President Taylor Reveley likely will be installed today as the school's long-term president, said Board of Visitors Rector Michael Powell '85 Wednesday in a private e-mail obtained by The Flat Hat.

"I believe it is fair to say there is a consensus [among BOV members] that it is not a good time to do a search, that Taylor is doing a remarkable job and we should empower

him fully as the President," Powell said. In the e-mail, which was sent to Andrew McRoberts '87, who was on the five-member executive board of ShouldNicholBeRenewed.org., Powell hinted that the BOV would likely confirm Reveley.

SNBR was a secretive organization that advocated for the removal of former College President Gene Nichol. Its members had several private meetings with BOV members in the months leading up to Nichol's resignation, including a meeting with Powell.

A source forwarded the e-mail to The

Flat Hat under the condition of anonymity. McRoberts is not the source.

"To be clear, the BOV has not yet made a decision on whether to initiate a search or appoint Taylor — though my sense is the betting is on the latter," Powell said in the e-mail.

Reveley was appointed as interim College president in February following Nichol's resignation.

Powell said that there are a number of reasons Reveley should stay in his position.

"We feel that the campus is doing well, but would still benefit from a longer period of stability," he said. "A search process might prove difficult and divisive rather than a vehicle for

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### NEWS ANALYSIS

## Focus shifts from Pilchen to VP spot

By **ALEX GUILLÉN**  
Flat Hat News Editor

Former Student Assembly Vice President Zach Pilchen '09 was the first to arrive at Tuesday's SA meeting. He was unshaven and seemed exhausted, but was nevertheless his trademark cheerful self; he chatted amicably with reporters and senators.



Gillingham



Rojas

The SA was accidentally scheduled to meet in Tucker 213, a small room intersected by a column. As the group gathered, everyone skirted around the elephant in the room, discussing classes, the Caf and anything unrelated to Pilchen's imminent resignation. Senators, executive branch members, student media and observers filled the room over capacity; Class of 2009 President Kevin Dua sat with others on the floor after seats ran out.

Pilchen, the smile gone from his face, read a prepared statement announcing his resignation to a silent room. After finishing, Pilchen stood

and left. In an unsettling reminder of the SA's slow reaction time, Pilchen's placard, the only item remaining behind, still identified him as the SA President.

SA President Valerie Hopkins '09 stood, briefly addressed her feelings about Pilchen's resignation and answered a few questions about how she would select a replacement. Hopkins' emotional voice revealed her conflicted sentiments. She said she respected Pilchen for resigning, but she was clearly disappointed in her colleague and friend.

Although Pilchen's future is still uncertain, attention has shifted to filling his position. Hopkins' committee has 14 academic days — until Monday, Sept. 22 — to find a new vice president.

That's no small task. For starters, Hopkins has opened the process to the entire campus. Many students approached SA members in the days after Pilchen's resignation to express disappointment in the SA. Hopkins sent an e-mail to students yesterday announcing the application process, but she will not publicly discuss her thoughts on who the candidates might be or the qualities she hopes they possess. She could be looking to bring in a non-SA replacement who could

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*"I can only ask for your understanding and forgiveness."*

Former SA Vice President Zach Pilchen '09



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT

[FROM LEFT] Secretary of Finance Yael Gilboa '11, Senate Chairman Walter McClean '09, Pilchen and SA President Valerie Hopkins '09.

## Remorseful, Pilchen resigns

*Internal Student Assembly investigation revealed  
Pilchen had used SA funds for private purchases*

By **SAM SUTTON**  
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Zach Pilchen '09 resigned as Student Assembly vice president on Tuesday, one day after he confessed to using SA funds for personal purchases.

"I'm disappointed in myself," Pilchen said in a statement delivered at the SA meeting Tuesday night. "Looking back now, this made absolutely no sense."

Pilchen indicated he would step down earlier that afternoon, telling SA leaders he planned to resign that night.

"He seemed pretty calm with it," SA Sen. Matt Beato '09 said. Beato was informed of Pilchen's decision earlier in the afternoon.

Pilchen made personal purchases from

the off-campus SA account between April 28 and May 12. In a Monday interview with The Flat Hat, Pilchen said the card was used for minor purchases, like cigarettes and movie tickets. In total, Pilchen used \$138.51 from the account.

The money was paid back Tuesday.

The account, which is managed by SunTrust Bank, is designed to give the SA president funds for making purchases for SA-sponsored activities. The senate oversees all purchases at a monthly presentation by the SA secretary of finance.

Pilchen was no longer supposed to have access to the account, having finished his term as the SA president.

Pilchen's purchases were discovered after a bank statement for the months of April

and May went missing. Upon receiving a copy of the statement from SunTrust, the discrepancies were noticed by Beato, Secretary of Finance Yael Gilboa '11, SA President Valerie Hopkins '09 and Sen. Walter McClean '09. An investigation linked the expenditures to Pilchen, who confessed when confronted.

"From the time we talked to Zach, it was resolved and [he] resigned within 30 hours," McClean said. "I'm really proud of everyone involved in the investigation."

Not all of the senators in attendance agreed with Pilchen's decision to resign.

"I'd just like to say really briefly that I am embarrassed by everyone in this organization, and how everyone in this organization has made something so petty and so minor such a big deal," said Sen. Steven Nelson '10, news editor of The Virginia Informer.

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### GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

## Eastern European students react to conflict

By **SARAH MELLMAN**  
The Flat Hat

The eruption of warfare halfway across the globe between Russia and neighboring country Georgia has hit close to home for students from the region here at the College of William

and Mary.

In early August, Georgia, a former Soviet republic with 4.6 million people, launched an aerial bombardment and ground attack on its breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, whose citizens have historic and ethnic ties to Russia.

The following day, Russia retaliated, launching raids both in South Ossetia and on targets in the rest of Georgia. Russia said that Georgian troops had attacked Russian citizens and peacekeeping forces in the region and has since recognized the region's independence from Georgia.

Timur Tsutsuk '09, a Russian native whose entire family lives in Tbilisi, was in the Georgian capital when the conflict erupted.

"I heard bombs explode six [or] seven miles away from my house, which turned out to be a Russian attack on a Georgian military base," Tsutsuk said. "Georgians were becoming more and more upset and worried, and they began staging protests on the streets against the Russians."

Tsutsuk knew that his family and other American citizens would be evacuated from Georgia.

"On Aug. 10, most American families and kids arrived at the U.S.



COURTESY PHOTO — TIMUR TSUTSUK

On Aug. 10, Timur Tsutsuk '09 evacuated with his family, including sister Sonya, 1, from Tbilisi, Georgia. The typically seven-hour drive to Armenia took 12 hours.

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## Profs: We don't assign own books for personal gain

By **IAN BRICKEY**  
The Flat Hat

Professors typically expect their students to complete assigned readings, but they essentially demand it when they have written the textbook.

The College of William and Mary has no specific policies concerning professors assigning their own books, according to Provost Geoff Feiss.

He did say that the faculty receives some instruction on assigning books.

"It should be for a good reason," he said. "It should suit the best interests of students."

For many professors, the benefits of assigning familiar textbooks, when relevant to the courses they teach, the potential for controversy from using their own books.



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Weather

Friday



High 86°  
Low 74°

Saturday



High 84°  
Low 67°

Sunday



High 90°  
Low 67°

Source: www.weather.com

**Quote of the Week**

“ If Russia gets away with its actions in Georgia without further international backlash, it might see its military success as an encouragement to invade other European nations. ”

— Sandro Gvakharia '12, an ethnic Georgian in response to the Georgian-Russian conflict.  
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**News in Brief**

**Old Dominion University suspends pres. search**

Old Dominion University’s Board of Visitors suspended its search for a new president after one of the committee’s finalists withdrew from the race.

Deborah Stanley, the president of State University of New York—Oswego, notified the public of her decision to withdraw from the process on the school’s website early Friday. She plans to continue to work with schools in the New York area.

No plans have been made to resume the search for the university’s next leader, but the next ODU Board of Visitors meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19.

Old Dominion began searching for a new president after Rose-ann Runte announced her acceptance of a similar post at Carleton University in Canada.

**Hot dogs stolen from Golden Horseshoe Golf Course**

Someone carried over \$1,000 worth of beer, candy bars and hot dogs from the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club during the early morning of Aug. 30. According to the Daily Press, the stolen merchandise consists of a commercial case of 40 Oscar Meyer hot dogs, 60 Gatorade bottles, 80 cans of assorted beers, including Yuengling and Corona, 105 Snickers and Milky Way candy bars and 100 napkins bearing the Golden Horseshoe Golf Course emblem.

Another concession stand, located near the 13th tee, sustained over \$2,000 worth of damage.

**New grocery options opening in Williamsburg**

New Town will go organic with a new branch of Trader Joe’s opening in New Town Friday, Sept. 26. Trader Joe’s is known for its innovative approaches to advertising and unconventional inventory.

The new Wal-mart Neighborhood Market, which offers a more healthy variety of food products, will welcome its first customers next summer.

Several other grocery stores were revamped last year, including the Food Lion off of Richmond Road which became a Bloom in early 2008.

**Biden criticizes Palin in Virginia Beach campaign stop**

Delaware Sen. Joe Biden responded to Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin’s vice presidential candidate acceptance speech Thursday morning at a campaign stop in Virginia Beach.

“She didn’t mention the word ‘health care,’” he said. “She didn’t mention the word ‘education.’ She didn’t mention college education ... Not one time did I hear the phrase ‘middle class.’”

According to The Associated Press, the Democratic vice presidential candidate also responded to a question from a member of the audience about the approaching vice presidential debate.

“I will be unrelenting in my debate with Gov. Palin, the governor of Alaska, in terms of the positions she has taken,” Biden said. “But I will not do what she is able to do so well ... I am not good at the one-line zingers.”

Though his opening remarks focused on Palin’s speech, the senator spoke mostly about military issues, since veterans comprised the majority of his audience, and Virginia is home to many military bases, including the world’s largest naval base in Norfolk.

—by Maggie Reeb



COURTESY PHOTO — THE DES MOINES REGISTER  
Former President of Iowa Central Community College Robert Paxton pictured July 4th.

## Keg ends Iowa college president’s career

Iowa Central Community College President resigns over photograph

By MAGGIE REEB  
Flat Hat Insight Editor

Normally a mini-keg of Coors Light beer runs around \$20, but last week a keg cost a college president his job.

Robert Paxton, formerly the president of Iowa Central Community College, resigned last Wednesday after a controversial photo surfaced earlier in August.

The photo shows Paxton, 52, standing in a group of student-aged people. Paxton appears to be holding the spigot of a keg open above a young woman’s mouth. In the bottom corner of the photo, another young woman pours vodka out of a bottle into someone’s mouth. The picture was sent anonymously to an Iowa newspaper, The Des Moines Register.

At first, Paxton denied knowledge of the photograph.

“I have no idea what you’re talking about,” Paxton told the Register.

Later in the week, however, Paxton admitted that the picture had been taken at a July Fourth celebration on West Okoboji Lake, near the college.

When asked about the keg, Paxton claimed he had not been facilitating underage drinking.

“If you want to know the truth, the [keg] was broken. I never opened the tap on any keg ... The thing didn’t work,” Paxton said. “You know, if I was doing anything, I was grabbing it and trying to put it back down.”

Paxton also told authorities that the younger man in the photograph was his 19-year-old son, whom he claims was not drinking.

“It’s my own private life,” Paxton said. This is not Paxton’s first scandal.

In 2002, he was accused of felonious misconduct in office after allegedly tampering with athletes’ transcripts. The charges were dropped after Paxton accepted responsibility for manipulating public records.

Despite this, the Iowa Central Board of Trustees had not planned on taking formal action against Paxton because the alleged underage drinking in the photograph had not taken place on the community college’s campus. But when the photograph gained national media attention, the board decided that Paxton’s resignation would be best for the school. He was given \$400,000 as a severance package.

Former Iowa Central Vice President of Financial Affairs Chuck Peterson was selected as interim president until a replacement for Paxton is found.

## STREET BEAT

### What do you think of former SA Vice President Zach Pilchen’s actions?



“Its absolutely ridiculous—when we elect someone to SA we place a certain kind of trust in that person and he has violate our trust.”

Allison Michel '11



“In the real world, he would be asked to step down without a second thought. Should that not be appropriate here?”

Justin Holden '12



“Pilchen’s decision to violate the honor code is disgraceful and unacceptable.”

Katelyn Durkin '11



“I think it’s a bit ridiculous but, unfortunately, not totally surprising or unexpected with the way people in power tend to act today.”

Rilee Harman '10

— photos and interviews by Beau Blumberg

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# SA business resumes after Pilchen resignation

## Student Assembly discusses financial upheaval, campus safety measures after troubled start

By MASON WATSON  
The Flat Hat

The Student Assembly opened the year with controversy as former SA Vice President Zach Pilchen '09 announced his resignation.

Pilchen's resignation came after he confessed Monday to misusing SA funds.

After Pilchen left, senators questioned SA President Valerie Hopkins '09 about her plans to replace Pilchen within the next 14 academic days, and how she plans to accept an application from any student. The senate then moved on to regularly scheduled business.

Walter McClean '09 discussed the current voter registration drive, which is intended to maximize student participation in the upcoming presidential election. According to McClean, 400 students have been registered to vote in Williamsburg thus far this fall. Approximately 1,400 students registered to vote last year, and it is unknown how many of them remain at the College of William and Mary.

Five bills were introduced at the meeting.

McClean introduced the Comprehensive Financial Information Act in response to Pilchen's resignation. He told the senate that the bill, "was just written up a few hours ago ... to ensure that there is a comprehensive investigation into everything that happened."

The bill orders the release of all financial state-

ments from the past two years to the public within fifteen academic days of passage. The reaction to the bill was positive, and was voted on at the meeting — an unusual break in typical procedure — so as to begin the process as soon as possible. It passed unanimously.

The First Aid Kit Act, sponsored by Sen. Matt Pinsker '09, allocates slightly more than \$1,900 to place 73 first aid kits in hall kitchens around campus. Responsibility for maintaining and restocking the kits will be left to hall councils.

The Limos on Election Days Act, also sponsored by Pinsker, allocates \$2,500 for future general elections to provide limousine service for student voters. Limo service would not be provided in the event of special elections.

The Automatic External Defibrillator Act, sponsored by Sen. Ben Brown '11, sets aside \$19,500 for the installation of 15 new automatic external defibrillators on campus. AEDs are currently available on only half of the campus, according to Brown, who pointed out that none of them are located on Old Campus.

The Amethyst Act, co-sponsored by Sens. Brown, Ross Gillingham '10 and Steven Nelson '10, would re-open the debate about the current drinking age restrictions.

McClean, Sen. Matt Beato '09, Class of 2011 President Jazmine Piña and Class of 2009 President Kevin Dua all received nominations to the SA Elec-



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT  
The Student Assembly introduced bills to allocate for dormitory first aid kits, automatic external defibrillators, and to re-open the debate about drinking age restrictions.

tions Commission, which will be overseeing the upcoming freshmen elections. All of the nominees were approved.

Hopkins' chief of staff, David Husband '09, raised the issue that all of the appointees are already members of SA. Dua responded by encouraging broader participation.

"Anyone who is interested in doing it should apply," he said.

The SA Department of Finance presented its annual report to the senate, detailing the SA funds available for the year. The student reserve fund currently contains \$233,101.36. The activities and events fund was left with \$30,000 at the end of the previous year, and the off-campus account, the account from which Pilchen used funds, contains \$16,737.

McClean adjourned the meeting on an optimistic note.

# New sociology professor holds degrees from 11 universities

## Resume includes Oxford, Cambridge, Stanford, Columbia, Harvard, Dartmouth

By KEIRSTIN FLYTHE  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Professors can be intimidatingly intelligent with just one advanced degree. Imagine a professor with 11 — yes, 11 — doctorates.

This fall, Ben Bolger joins the sociology faculty at the College of William and Mary. His office walls will be heavy with diplomas.

He hails from Michigan where he grew up in Flint and Grand Haven. His experiences in the urban and rural towns encouraged his study of sociology.

At a young age, he witnessed the economic hardship that General Motors wreaked on Flint when the company, a major longtime employer in the region, outsourced many operations overseas.

"I witnessed a lot of urban poverty, which I was very concerned about," Bolger said.

Living on a tree farm in Grand Haven exposed him to the rural side of poverty.

While these experiences helped shape his worldview, his struggle with dyslexia would continue to define it.

Bolger was diagnosed with the disorder as a child. In the early 1980s, there were few schools in his area that were equipped to give him the help he needed. Eventually, his mother decided that homeschooling would be the best option for him. Bolger thrived in this environment and began taking college classes at age 12.

After realizing he that could handle the academic rigor of these courses, he decided to complete his homeschooling by taking college courses full time. After earning an associate's degree at a local community college, he transferred to the University of Michigan, where he earned an undergraduate degree in sociology.

Bolger then earned 11 more degrees at various Universities, including the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge,



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT  
Sociology professor Ben Bolger will teach two sections of American Society, as well as a class covering the sociology of education at the College.

Stanford University, Columbia University, Harvard University and Dartmouth College.

However, his accomplishments did not come easily.

"I got through my college studies using books on tape and a leader and a scribe," Bolger said.

After his studies at Oxford, Bolger decided to apply to law school. He was accepted to and attended Yale Law School.

But once he arrived, he realized that he was very much out of his element.

"I was confronted with hundreds of pages of reading and, when

I began Yale Law School at age 19, I hadn't addressed my deficiencies with reading and spelling," he said. "So, for me, it wasn't a good match."

Despite this experience, Bolger remains optimistic about the opportunities available to dyslexics.

"I don't think that there's an inherent obstacle [in having dyslexia]," he said. "One has to be very careful and organized and diligent with their time."

His dyslexia has not continued to hold him back in the realms of academia and public speaking. Bolger is an accomplished debater, traveling around the world to argue.

Bolger says his diligence and work ethic can make him seem like an intense person. However, he said, his students need not worry.

"I am extremely intense and focused and eager to teach and interact with students, but I am also very laid-back and easy going," said Bolger, who this semester is teaching two sections of American Society and a course on the sociology of education. "I would describe myself as a workaholic, but I am also a person who enjoys watching '24' and 'Desperate Housewives.' So I'm not a complete geek or nerd."

The professor also has eclectic taste in music.

"My music interests range from Yo-Yo Ma to Madonna to [Luciano] Pavarotti to Bob Dylan, all of whom I have seen in concert," Bolger said. "I've actually seen \*NSync in concert also."

As a Phi Beta Kappa member and an admirer of the College's prestigious history, Bolger is excited about teaching this fall.

"I love teaching. It's something that I really, really enjoy and something that I would do regardless of whether I received a paycheck or not," he said. "So knowing that William and Mary has an interest and an emphasis on undergraduate teaching made it a logical fit for me."

# SA Constitution: Hopkins must choose new VP within 14 school days

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provide a fresh eye and extend an olive branch to the student body.

But there are several SA members who could be top contenders for the spot. After comparing a list of likely candidates produced by The Flat Hat with a list from an SA insider who spoke under condition of anonymity, several SA members emerged as possibilities.

The most likely senior possibilities are all ineligible: Sens. Matt Beato '09, Walter McClean '09 and Caroline Mullis '09 were barred from applying by Hopkins because they took part

in the Pilchen investigation. Dua is ineligible because he is on the search committee. The only remaining major senior candidates are SA Chief of Staff David Husband '09 and Vice President for Advocacy Kristen Slawter '09. Husband, though experienced, is a longtime SA insider and was essentially Pilchen's right hand man.

More likely is a member of the junior or sophomore classes. A special consideration in choosing a junior or sophomore vice president would be the inevitable boost that person would receive should they choose to run for president in the spring. In fact,

some might use this opportunity as a diving board to gain recognition.

One possibility from the junior class is Sen. Ross Gillingham '10, who received over two-thirds of his class's vote in the spring election, beating second Sen. Sarah Rojas '10 by 14 points. Also, he is hardly an SA insider; Gillingham has served less than a quarter of his first senatorial term.

One problem facing Gillingham is his membership in Alpha Epsilon Pi, Pilchen's fraternity, and his friendship with Pilchen. Hopkins is likely hesitant to choose someone with

close ties to Pilchen.

The other major possibilities from the junior class are Rojas and Class President Ali Snell '10, who have both emerged as SA leaders. Snell, however, told The Flat Hat she is not interested in the position.

Rojas is a member of Chi Omega, along with Hopkins. With such close scrutiny from

the student body, choosing Rojas could look like favoritism, something Hopkins likely wants to avoid.

The sophomore class has even fewer obvious options. Class President Jazmine Piña '11 told The Flat Hat that she has not yet decided whether or not she will seek the spot. Sen. Ben Brown '11 is another possibility.

Ultimately, Hopkins must choose between an SA member with student government experience or an off-the-radar recruit who could provide fresh insight into an SA that has been called guarded and inaccessible. If Hopkins chooses a non-senior, that choice would almost certainly have a leg up in this spring's SA elections.

# Georgia-Russian conflict seen by student

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embassy, which was surrounded by 30 [or] 40 soldiers," he said. "A caravan of 20 cars took my family and me to Armenia. It is normally a seven hour drive, but it took us 12 hours due to congestion."

Unlike Tsutsuk, the family of Sandro Gvakharia '12, an ethnic Georgian, was not evacuated from Tbilisi.

"My family was holed away in Tbilisi, hoping for the best," Gvakharia said, who left Georgia July 7. "This whole ordeal has been very stressful for me because I love my family and have been very worried about them."

Alarmed by the large-scale, unexpected Russian victory, several Western nations, including the United States and the United Kingdom, urged Russia to pull out of Georgian territory. Declaring that

"the aggressor [had] been punished," the Kremlin announced a ceasefire on Aug. 12 and began to withdraw its troops from the region.

Tsutsuk is confident that his family is now safe but is worried about Georgian citizens acting hostile toward his Russian family.

"My mom is very Russian-looking and scared to go in the streets," he said. "My grandma will probably move back to Russia."

Gvakharia still believes that Russia poses a serious threat to eastern Europe and, ultimately, Western security.

"I hope the West takes from this that Russia is still a threat to free people," Gvakharia said. "If Russia gets away with its actions in Georgia without further international backlash, it might see its military success as an encouragement to invade other European nations."

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# College prepares for storm; no evacuation planned

*Tropical storm Hanna to exceed winds of 40 mph, headed toward Williamsburg*

By **MIKE CRUMP**  
*Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor*

The College of William and Mary will not follow an evacuation plan this weekend in light of approaching tropical storm Hanna.

Christopher Newport University, however, instituted a mandatory evacuation from all residence halls by noon today.

"I don't know what criteria CNU looked at in making their decisions," Vice President for Administration and Emergency Management Team Chair Anna Martin said. "We took into consideration all the information we had and based on this determined classes could proceed."

Officials predict the storm will make landfall early tomorrow at the North Carolina-South Carolina border and will then move north. It is expected to affect Williamsburg this weekend with light showers beginning early this afternoon and heavy showers and wind peaking just after midnight. The storm originated in the East Caribbean.

The storm is predicted to move through the area during the day with the bulk of it gone by late afternoon Saturday.

The last major storm to hit campus was tropical storm Ernesto, which struck in September 2006 and flooded the Sunken Garden and the Crim Dell with nearly 11 inches of rain.

Martin said Hanna, by contrast, likely will be much less severe.

Local and national forecasts call for two to four inches of rain, and winds of up to 40 mph.

In an e-mail to the College community yesterday, Martin said that although the campus will remain open, the Administration and Facilities Management are preparing for heavy winds with possible flooding and loss of power.

"If necessary, we will use the mass notification system to disseminate urgent information," she said. "We have backup manual systems in place to communicate messages if cell phone and email systems also fail."

The College will determine today whether all campus events will be cancelled Saturday, but students have been advised to consider rescheduling those events which will bring large groups to campus.

The InterSorority Council responded last night by rescheduling this weekend's sorority recruitment open houses, typically a two-day event, to all be held Friday evening.

Martin advised students to follow emergency preparedness communications.

"As conditions change we will re-evaluate what needs to be done, but based on current information we feel this is the correct path," she said.

The hurricane was downgraded to a tropical storm on Monday.

## Hurricane Preparedness Tips

Where possible, bring objects left on porches, patios and balconies indoors or make arrangements to secure them. Bikes should be locked to bike racks or kept in student rooms.

Close and secure all windows, blinds, and shades and remove items from windowsills. If shades or blinds are not available, hang a blanket over the window and secure in place with a cord or masking tape.

Those who live in basements may experience flooding. Remove personal items from the floor including computers, clothing, wires, carpets, etc.

Slide dumpster doors closed after dumping garbage or recycling to avoid trash blowing about the grounds.

If evacuation is necessary you will be informed by College personnel as to where to go and when you will need to leave.

In preparation for evacuation, gather any necessary medication you may

need. Place in a waterproof container and keep it with you. Have a small bag packed with clothing, toiletries and other essentials including a blanket and pillow.

Those with personal vehicles who plan to leave Williamsburg should have cash and should insure that their vehicle has a full tank of gas.

In the event of a power loss, check cell phones or room voice mail regularly for updates. If phone service is lost, check bulletin boards for postings. All Duty Offices are equipped with hand held radios that connect to the William and Mary Police who can be accessed by staff in the event of an emergency.

Set refrigerators to the coldest setting and do not open them except when it is an emergency. If you have perishables in hall refrigerators, please do not discard these perishables in the kitchen trash but remove them to the dumpsters.

Housekeepers may not be able to get to the halls for a few days. Please keep public areas and bath-

rooms clean and free of debris.

Collect flashlights, portable radios, and batteries. If there is a loss of power, do not use candles or gas-powered appliances. Make sure smoke detectors in your room or apartment are working by holding down the test button until they sound. If they are not working, submit a work request immediately. If your fire alarm sounds, evacuate your building immediately and, if possible, contact WMPD.

Make every effort to stay off of campus telephones so that lines will be open for emergency calls.

Report broken glass, water leaks, and power outages by either submitting an online work request or calling Facilities Management or WMPD. Please also inform a Residence Life staff member.

If you or someone is injured or has a medical emergency, call WMPD immediately.

From Vice President for Administration Anna Martin

## Committee selected to appoint new vice president



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*Sen. Steven Nelson expressing his dissatisfaction with The Flat Hat.*

**PILCHEN** *from page 1*

Nelson went on to say that The Flat Hat's coverage was irresponsible. He said the newspaper blew the situation out of proportion.

Following the resignation, Hopkins addressed the senate.

"As most of you can understand, it is borderline unbearable for me to be here," she said. "Zach is one of my closest friends and colleagues."

Hopkins denounced Pilchen's actions as irresponsible, and went on to announce her plans to pick a new vice president. A committee, comprised of Hopkins and McClean, along with representatives from the Undergraduate Council and the graduate schools will help select a candidate within the next 14 academic days. The nominee, chosen by Hopkins, must be approved by at least 75

percent of the senate.

Hopkins has opened the position to any student.

"Faith in the Student Assembly is at an all time low, so I've decided to open the application process to the entire student body," Hopkins said.

Individuals in the vice presidential selection committee and those involved in the investigation into Pilchen's expenditures are not being considered.

In a later interview, Hopkins said she had no one in mind to fill the position.

A bill calling for the investigation into Pilchen's use of the account was approved by the senate later in the meeting. Financial statements dating back to Pilchen's term as president are scheduled to be available within the next three weeks on the SA website.

## BOV meeting today

**REVELEY** *from page 1*

coming together. Additionally, the critical problems of our financial situation, the need for a strategic plan and other immediate challenges cannot wait for a future successor — they are serious immediate issues that have to be tackled now."

He added that the BOV has not reached a final decision.

"The Board ... has been unwilling to move forward with Taylor for a term without some confidence that the decision would enjoy support from faculty, students, staff and alums," he said. "I visited campus for two days and met with all the faculty governance groups, the deans, the administrators, students, and staff. For weeks, we have been in dialogue."

Powell also sent an e-mail to the student body later in the day.

"The Board agrees that removing Taylor's interim status might be a meritorious course, but only if it is widely supported by our community," he said.

Powell noted Reveley's work on improving the College's national standing, his approach to financial issues such as his response to state-wide budget cuts and his handling of personnel issues like the retirement of Vice President of Student Affairs Sam Sadler and Vice President of Public Affairs Stewart Gamage.

The BOV decided not to start the search for a new president over the summer due to feelings that, "Our community was not ready to proceed and ... an immediate search would be unproductive," Powell said in the e-mail to students.

The BOV meets today at 10 a.m. at Blow Hall.

## Professors make profits on textbooks

**TEXTBOOKS** *from page 1*

Anthropology professor Barbara King assigned her book, "The Dynamic Dance," to her primate behavior class this semester. King said her book complements the regular textbook and deals with specifics of primate behavior. Professors are not just teachers, but also scholars who write books after years of research, King said.

"To me, the key is to choose something only when it will enrich something extremely specific and when that book adds something that no other book could add to the class," she said. "All the other books that I assign, mine included, take up a section of [the main textbook] and explore it in depth. I choose books that explore something new and different."

King said earning royalties from book sales is not the goal of professors.

"To be honest, I get a dollar per book royalty, [but] that's so far from my thinking, 'wow, if I write this book, I can make \$30.'" King said. "My interest is in the students learning."

History professor Kris Lane assigns his students a draft copy on Blackboard of a textbook he has been working on for several years. Lane's students have provided feedback on the reading.

"I have sought [anonymous] student feedback on this text in hopes of making it both lively and coherent as a teaching tool in the future for use across the country," Lane said in an e-mail.

Lane, however, has reservations about assigning his work.

"I would not assign this book once finished, as I see two problems," he said. "Students tend to be less openly critical of a book by a professor, which dulls discussion, and receiving royalties from a 'captive audience' can be perceived as unethical."

In 2004, the American Association of University Professors issued a statement on the issue.

"Professors have long assigned their students works of which they were the author," the AAUP said. "Because professors are encouraged to publish the results of their research, they should cer-

tainly be free to require their own students to read what they have written."

The AAUP did acknowledge, however, the possible danger of professors "inappropriately enriching themselves at the expense of students."

Students and administrators nationwide are questioning whether faculty members are receiving undue royalties from the sales of books they have written and assigned for classes they instruct. The University of Utah recently decided to bar faculty from receiving royalties from similar sales in response to accusations that a biology professor assigned his own text for financial gain.

Utah's response to the royalty question is not uncommon. Universities from around the country have taken steps to prevent professors from taking advantage of students' textbook purchases.

The University of Minnesota faculty is prohibited from profiting through sales of their work to their students without the approval of the department chair. At North Dakota State University and the University of North Texas, faculty is strongly cautioned against gaining royalties unless their book has become established in the field.

Case Western Reserve University's neuroscience department gives students in the residency program textbooks written by faculty for free.

Here at the College, Feiss said that, although he has considered instituting an official policy, he hasn't discussed it with anyone.

"We have not had recent conversations," he said. "What's more pressing is the issue of intellectual property rights. We try to make sure faculty doesn't take material and distribute it in lieu of the students paying for it."

The prospect of a professor making money off selling their books to schools does not faze Mark Hrischo '11, a student in King's class.

"I think it's a solid practice if the professor is a respected member of their field and their book is one which can readily be seen cited by researchers," Hrischo said in an e-mail. "It also allows for a level of explanation and depth that you can't always get with certain books."



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*SA Senators at Tuesday's meeting in Tucker Hall prior to Zach Pilchen's resignation.*

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STAFF EDITORIAL

## College deserves a search

Dear Board of Visitors:

Fewer than two hours after former College of William and Mary President Gene Nichol announced his resignation, your rector, Michael Powell '85, handed Interim College President Taylor Reveley the job. Today, you likely are planning to remove Reveley's interim tag without ever having considered other candidates for the position. We urge you to reconsider.

Our concerns do not lie in Reveley's performance. We are instead unhappy with the search process — or lack thereof. Not nearly enough time has passed to properly assess whether Reveley is the best long-term candidate for the job, and failing to launch a search robs the school of an opportunity to find its best possible leader.

We'll never know what went through Powell's mind at the time of his snap decision to ask Reveley to take the job. Now, six months later, as you ready yourselves to install Reveley as president, the question arises: What if Powell had chosen differently? If you confirm him, fewer than two hours will have determined the College's course for half a decade — if not longer.

Reveley and Powell gave the College community every reason to believe this presidency would provide a stopgap. When he stepped in, he called himself "interim, acting, temporary, man of the hour." A permanent replacement would follow when the tumult had settled, they said. Of course, that was February, and the situation has evolved. But at no point has a search become unnecessary.

**We stressed that any presidential search should end at Reveley — not begin with him.**

We fear that Reveley's term will extend beyond our expectations. If, despite earlier assurances to the contrary, Reveley's interim presidency becomes full-fledged, the College community will not be able to trust that you remain committed to a future search. It is this point that concerns us most. You have told us that Reveley's confirmation will follow only if "there was a widespread belief that the time was not ripe for a search, or if our current and immediate challenges demanded strong, fully empowered leadership."

We don't understand why you consider the College community too fragile to handle a search. If nothing else, this community has proven in the last six months that it's strong enough to handle even the most tumultuous of conditions. We also fear the hour for a search will never grow "ripe." The College's financial and institutional challenges will dissolve neither in one year nor five.

In an editorial last week, we stressed that any presidential search should end at Reveley — not begin with him. To be sure, we said, he might prove the perfect man for the job. But until you survey the field, by conducting an earnest search, it would be imprudent to conclude as much. Not long ago, we praised your careful consideration of Nichol's tenure. Now, as the College seeks to replace him, we cannot offer that same praise for the processes that led to Reveley's selection. The College is ready for a search. It deserves one.

Sincerely,

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(bizarre, but oddly lovable.)

By OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

## Next president should focus on diversity

Justin Reid  
FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



The College of William and Mary chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, commends Interim College President Taylor Reveley for the work he has done these last six months. Healing the College community after such a tumultuous year is no easy task, yet Reveley has taken on this challenge with great humility and determination. The College's NAACP believes Reveley has made great strides, and we are committed to helping him achieve the reconciliation needed to advance our esteemed university.

The College is a unique institution that faces very real challenges — challenges we hope our next president will fully commit himself or herself to addressing. There is perhaps no greater challenge than overcoming the College's lack of adequate financial resources. The future of programs like the Gateway initiative, which the College's NAACP strongly supports, will forever remain uncertain if more resources are not found and made available. Although we are truly grateful for Reveley and the Board of Visitors' current initiative to raise a \$10 million Gateway endowment, we believe such an amount, while a good start, is not enough.

**Our efforts to become a global university will be impeded if the next College president doesn't take the lead.**

It is also not enough to simply make our campus "diverse." It must also be inclusive. To do this, greater cross-cultural exposure, dialogue and understanding is desperately needed. Too often we hold cross-cultural understanding as an ideal without providing the adequate financial and physical resources needed to achieve it. Rival institutions like the University of Virginia, Georgetown University and Duke University have far surpassed us when it comes to the number of services and the amount of physical space devoted to cultural education and programming. Our efforts to become a global university will continue to be impeded if we do not make greater headway on this front. Our next College president must take the lead.

Lastly, we hope to have a president who will make a genuine effort to reach out to multicultural alumni. Past and recent negative experiences have caused many to become disengaged in the affairs of the College. Current students of color have much to gain from those who have come before them and succeeded. They cannot rebuild these bridges alone. The support of the College administration, led by the president, is needed.

As we await the decision regarding the College presidency, the College's NAACP simply wishes to thank Reveley for all that he has done and will continue to do to address these matters. We also hope that the BOV will bear in mind the concerns expressed by the College community and proceed in a manner that is both transparent and truly representative of faculty, staff and student sentiment and opinion.

*Justin Reid is a senior at the College and president of the College's NAACP chapter.*

## It's still your Student Assembly

Katie Dixon  
FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



As a member of the Student Assembly executive for almost two years, I have seen a lot of initiatives fulfilled, as well as a bit of drama and scandal. I also know that members of this SA executive have been more committed to fulfilling student needs and initiatives than many executives from years past. Valerie Hopkins '09 and Zach Pilchen '09 have run twice on the promise of making this SA "Your Student Assembly." We, as students, have failed them — maybe as much as Pilchen has failed us.

Pilchen certainly disillusioned us with trust and will continue to face consequences for his actions. In no way am I suggesting anything Pilchen did is anything but reprehensible, but he is not the SA, and our immediate concern for the integrity and honesty of the entire SA is almost as reprehensible.

Over 70 percent of students who voted in last spring's SA presidential election cast a ballot for Hopkins and Pilchen who were running on a slew of beliefs and initiatives from co-educational sexual assault prevention programs for extended orientation to increased efforts to make our campus more environmentally sustainable. We voted based on the assumption that we trusted their treatment of the events surrounding former College President Gene Nichol's resignation, and their help in moving Steer Clear from Greek life to its own entity. They also made the student voice heard to an unparalleled degree in the city of Williamsburg through voter drives and city council debates on campus.

Hopkins and Pilchen made the SA accessible

— they did their best to make it "our" SA. We overwhelmingly neglected our half of the bargain when we failed to become involved with their initiatives, only perking up during scandals or high points of press coverage.

In no way are we meant to pick up the reins of the entire SA — like all things, we pick our causes and we fight for them. We are an exceptionally involved campus, and we voted for Hopkins and Pilchen on the assumption that they could support initiatives near and dear to our hearts — 70 percent of you who decided to vote supported that.

In all honesty, they didn't fail you.

Pilchen's actions are inexcusable, but so is our apathy. The SA is play government only as long as we refuse to break in and become energized.

Students, here is your chance — show this amount of concern for free STI testing on campus or make this the year that gender-blind housing finally becomes a reality for this campus. Even if you just register to vote in Williamsburg to show that you want more than three unrelated people to live in a huge rental house somewhere on Griffin Street when you're inevitably bumped from lottery, you're stepping up in a way that most of this campus has not.

It's easy to look back and say what you could have or would have done differently. I'm sure Pilchen is doing that right now. Those who voted this year to make the SA "Your Student Assembly" still have a chance to fulfill their part of the bargain.

People vote for ideas — ideas are flexible, they come from populations, not individuals. You voted for ideas, and your ideas are being heard. Individuals can do wrong, but as long as you still believe in the ideas and goals you voted for, you still have an opportunity to make this SA your SA.

Apathy doesn't have a monetary value, but that doesn't mean it isn't as shameful.

*Katie Dixon is a senior at the College.*

## Pilchen's resignation speech

*Former Student Assembly Vice President Zach Pilchen's letter of resignation delivered at Tuesday's SA meeting:*

I'm before you tonight because I made a very stupid decision which I deeply regret and take full responsibility for.

I'm not here to sugarcoat what happened. I'm here to apologize and explain what transpired in detail.

In late April, I went to a movie and mistakenly used the check card of the Student Assembly off-campus account, instead of my own, to purchase movie tickets. Immediately recognizing my mistake, I told Val and said I would pay back the amount. That instance, and that instance alone, was an accident.

Later in early May, running low on personal cash, I made the impulsive decision to make several small purchases with the SA card and reimburse them the first chance I got. To the extent I thought about it at the time, it seemed to make sense because I was already going to reimburse the SA fund for my first, accidental purchase so what was the harm in a few more small expenses? Looking back on it now, this made no sense.

There should be no mistake that the fault in this situation lies completely on me. Our past and current secretaries of finance, Valerie and myself had made several plans to visit SunTrust to switch the account over to the new officers. I thought I could reimburse the account at the time of the switch. But one of us was always unavailable, and it didn't get done.

Yesterday, Monday, was the first full day that both Valerie and I were back on campus. The \$138.51 I loaned myself now has been reimbursed in full and all accounts have been properly switched over. It was never my

intention to simply take this money without repaying it.

I am disappointed in myself for failing to appreciate that loaning myself even a small amount of money from the SA account was unacceptable. Above all, I am most upset over the possibility that my careless actions could cast a shadow over this SA — Your Student Assembly — an organization that I have come to love and which I know, despite what the naysayers may say, does an extraordinary job advocating in all realms for the interests of the College of William and Mary students.

That I could potentially detract from the SA's work over the coming year, work that is vital to advancing student interests, pains me like nothing else. There's been a no-exceptions Three Person Rule in Williamsburg for too long. There are still too many ways that the College's alcohol policy harms students more than it helps them. There are too many things that the SA needs to focus on for me to cast a pallor over this organization and bog it down with the sort of internal strife that I have always despised and had hoped that we had forever moved past.

For that reason, I am resigning my position as Vice President of the SA, effective immediately. I know that the future of this organization is in the most capable of hands, and I couldn't be more proud of you. I'm excited to watch as you accomplish more great work this year, and I sincerely thank you for the opportunity you've offered me to be a part of this organization.

In return, I can only ask for your understanding and forgiveness, and that you will remember my service with you for what we accomplished rather than my failings in this instance.

**Above all, I'm most upset over the possibility that my careless actions could cast a shadow over this SA.**



# VARIETY

## It's not that easy being green

*Despite the College's ranking by the Sierra Club, the campus strives for efficiency*

By ANGELA COTA  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

After conducting a recent analysis of environmentally-minded university campuses across the country, Sierra Club Magazine placed the College of William and Mary in its "Five That Fail" category.

Given the College's academic reputation, many students have likely never received a failing grade on anything. Faced with this F, student activist groups, as well as the administration, seem to have responded strongly with both confusion and denial.

"They left out everything else that we're doing," Caroline Cress '10 said. "We have a lot of things going on, and we do have a long way to go, but I would not say we are in the 'bottom five.'"

Cress is a member of the Student Environmental Action Coalition, which has been following the various rankings and policies of other schools as an independent study project. She started keeping tabs on other schools last year, and it turned into personal research. She believes the ranking stems from some "weird timing" on the part of the Sierra Club, which published its report in the magazine's most



PHOTOS BY CAITLIN FAIRCHILD & MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT  
*Around campus, students attempt to conserve and reuse. [TOP] Behind the Caf, SEAC maintains an organic garden of fruits and vegetables. A food compressor awaits food waste to create mulch for the garden. [BOTTOM] Last semester, students collected leftover food and trays were taken of the Caf as an experiment to measure student waste. It resulted in the beginning of "Trayless Tuesdays and Thursdays" this semester.*

recent issue.

"At the end of last year, over the summer and at the beginning of this year, we saw all the results of the last two years of work," she said. "We had been working for two years with little success only to see it all come together. There is a widespread feeling of positivity within SEAC. We pushed so hard, and green fees had so much support that the administration caught on."

Green fees were a measure introduced by SEAC and passed by the Student Assembly last spring to include a \$30 fee within each student's tuition to cover the costs of sustainable practices on campus. The Food Sustainability campaign of SEAC has seen many improvements working with the dining halls. Dining services decided to donate waste to make biofuel, allowed SEAC to plant an organic garden behind the Caf, and introduced "Trayless

Tuesdays and Thursdays."

A new student activism group, Green Revolution in Progress, was formed last spring by students who wanted to draw student focus to the flow of information relating to current environmental issues through public events such as speaker forums, movie screening and public lectures, said Connor Horne '10, a co-founder.

"The most concise way to explain GRIP is through its mission statement," he said. "There are serious gaps in the flow of information and resources between elements of the William and Mary community and the greater local, regional and global communities."

The College has high hopes for the year in terms of sustainability. GRIP is optimistic after hearing that Reveley's convocation speech, focused on sustainability and improvements in the dining halls. The group members also think that

the ranking indicates a need for their contributions.

"The Sierra Club's ranking seems to further highlight the need for a group like GRIP. We hope that providing information to what we believe to be a growing number of people in the Williamsburg community who want to become involved in environmental sustainability actions," Horne said.

In Reveley's convocation speech last Friday, he specifically announced the creation of a Sustainability Committee, considered by many to be the most important recent improvement.

The new sustainability committee will be comprised of groups focusing on specific environmental policy issues. For example, they will delegate the money collected from the green fees.

Cress said that the ranking

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## Singing the songs of summertime

*A critical look at some of the summer's most hyped hits*

By GENICE PHILLIPS  
The Flat Hat

The summer has come and gone. Now we're back in school, where house parties and barbecues seem a million miles away. Let's recap, and reminisce about the songs that made the past few months a bit more enjoyable.

"Lollipop," Lil' Wayne

Lil' Wayne — what can be said about a rapper who's managed to transform rap and hip-hop by way of eccentric mannerisms? Whether he's "sippin' on sizzurp," getting a new tattoo or wearing his usual white tee, he's encompassed the idea of summer jams. He hops from one artist to the next, laying down 30-second phrases of stylistic confusion (with



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guy who can sing about "letting it rain" and "walking it out" with such convincing flair and bravado. None other than ex-boybander from Dream Street, Jesse McCartney, who's clearly channeled some Justin Timberlake in preparing for his third album, "Departure," only without the dancing. Electronic chirping coupled with McCartney's smooth, flirtatious crooning completes this edgy, fresh pop tune. Not to mention, The Dream's witty writing and production gives an added boost to McCartney's image of reinvention.

"Burnin' Up," Jonas Brothers

I apologize in advance, but I had to send one out to every teenage girl fighting over which Jonas brother has the cutest sideburns while buying up as much overpriced, overstocked merchandise as they can from the enterprise that is Disney. And hell no, Miley Cyrus will not be on this list, because her singing is questionable and quite horrendous. (Sorry Jonas Brothers, I know it's not the Christian way, but it's the truth.) The single "Burnin' Up" is actually quite catchy, however. The track blends toned-down pop/rock vocals with innocent, though suggestive, lyrics. And the best part: Big Rob, their security guard, acts as the token black guy, faux-rapping about a fire safety technique ("Stop drop and roll"). Now that's what I call music.

"Take A Bow," Rihanna

A follow-up to her crossover hit, "Umbrella," which launched her into superstar status, Rihanna returned this summer with a stinger pop/R&B ballad about cheating boyfriends (take a few pointers, Chris Brown). Though it's a tame counterpart to "Irreplaceable," song-writer Ne-Yo and producer Stargate created a simple, translucent piano riff with just enough lyrical spunk ("Tryin' to apologize / You're so ugly when you cry") for Rihanna's voice to make a summer smash. If you're tired of the song's heavy rotation, listen to her latest synth-heavy track, "Disturbia."

"American Boy," Estelle feat. Kanye West

"Who killin' them in the UK? /

Everybody's going to say you, K." I beg to differ, Kanye. How about taking British R&B newcomer Estelle into consideration? Typical Kanye wants his tea and crumpets too. A sweet jolt of pure funk and sass, "American Boy" takes international romance to the hottest cities in the states (Miami, Chicago, Los Angeles) — a perfect tour for the inquisitive type. And with Estelle's coy conversational vocals, Kanye's amusing use of British lingo and Will.I.Am's sleek production "American Boy" makes for a delectable, danceable summer track.

"Forever," Chris Brown

Reminiscent of Michael Jackson's throwback "The Way You Make Me Feel," Chris Brown is solidifying his career not only as a singer, but as an entertainer. This crossover pop-synth hit will

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### CONFUSION CORNER

## Freshmen year: a time for unease

James Damon  
FLAT HAT COLUMNIST



When I entered the College of William and Mary, I was told these four years would be the best time of my life. I soon learned that college represents a time of immense difficulty. I felt more sad and worthless than I ever had before. But there is a silver lining. College might not be the best time of your life, but it does provide a chance for some meaningful self-discovery.

As I dwell on difficult moments from freshman year, I'm immediately drawn back to one memory in particular. It was early May, and members of my sketch comedy group were meeting to discuss our previous year. A lot had happened that first year. Not only did our group finally acquire a fat suit, but we also found a black ceramic wig stand that smelled like chemicals.

Someone painted a face on the stand and later we all named it Jacquetta. She was featured in a series of sketches about a boy named Chris who was born with the head of his Siamese twin, Jacquetta, wedged to his hand. Although I wished I had the talent to write such an original idea, my friends Chris and Eric were the ones who conceived and then wrote that sketch. (I was too busy writing half-coherent sketches about vaginal crabs that played the fiddle.)

Freshman year was a constant reminder of my own shortcomings. While I spent most of high school excelling in classes and spending time with close friends, every day of freshman year felt painful. Few people on my freshman hall seemed interested in befriending me, and none of my professors wrote comments like "genius" on my English papers. I couldn't even manage to write funny sketches for my comedy group. It was like the pristine ideal I held of myself was slowly rotting away, only to reveal the feeble-minded monster underneath.

Instead of stuffing Jacquetta into the waterlogged cardboard box where we kept the fat suit and the rest of our props, Jacquetta's head sat sassily on the mantle place in my friend's house. On that day in early May, I sat opposite Jacquetta. I stared into her painted acrylic pink eyes as I listened to my friends talk about their plans for summer and post-graduation. One planned to become a science teacher after graduation; another would work as a sommelier while trying to become a professional comedian.

"I am worried," I said when it finally became my turn to speak. "I am worried because I am already 19 and I have no idea what I am doing with my life."

At the time, that statement seemed a perfectly reasonable thing to say. After a year of bad grades and failed social interactions, I felt better suited to quit school and find a job scooping Italian ice. I felt cheated. No one ever told me how hard freshman year could be. This was unfortunate, because the fact is that all of us, no matter how smart, will feel incredibly worthless at least once during freshman year.

Perhaps tour guides could talk about problems they had their freshman year. Their brash honesty might not make prospective students fall in love with the College campus, but I know I would certainly have appreciated some truth.

"If you look to your left," a tour guide might say, "you will see the bench where I cried after getting a C on my first French paper."

"We are now entering the cafeteria," another tour guide might say, "this is a great place to come when you feel that life is a humiliating joke. Also, they have a great omelet station."

I wish I could say that as college continued my grades improved, or that I at least began contributing more to my comedy troupe. Neither is true, but this fact no longer bothers me. Much of college, I now realize, is about gaining personal perspective, about learning what things you do well and what things you do poorly. It turns out I am great at making macaroni and cheese and writing a snarky column for The Flat Hat. As for the things I do poorly, they are too numerous to mention, but I know they exist. Because I understand my limitations I am no longer bothered by them.

I don't know what happened to Jacquetta. My friend Chris probably took her with him when he graduated school and moved to Chicago. Although my post-college plans are still vague, I would like to find that wig stand. If I should happen to find her shiny black head when rummaging through old boxes of props, I'd like to write a comedy sketch about me. It probably won't be very good, but I am okay with that now.

James Damon is a Confusion Corner columnist. Don't tell anyone, but he and Jacquetta might elope this weekend.



Buy

New Kids on the Block:  
“The Block” [Right]

New Kids on the Block, who many consider the first boy band ever, release their first album in 14 years. Get it.



Star Sense

“I’m beating down the internet as we speak.” [Right]

— Rapper T.I. on the internet leak of his new song “Swagger Like Us” featuring Jay-Z, Kanye West and Lil Wayne



Play

“Midnight Club 4: Los Angeles”  
Playstation 3, Xbox 360

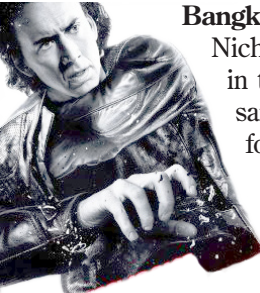
The fourth installment of Rockstar Game’s popular franchise features some hot and speedy races. Due out Tuesday.

WEEKEND PICKS

Late Night Kickoff

The first of UCAB’s Late Nite events, which will be held between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. every weekend, begin this weekend in Lodge 1. A variety of activities and events are available, including laser tag, comedian Jason Schneider, ’80s karaoke and food until midnight.

Friday



Bangkok Dangerous

Nicholas Cage stars as a hitman named Joe in this remake of the 1998 Thai film of the same name. While on a mission to kill four people in steamy Bangkok, Joe finds assistance from a beautiful deaf-mute and a pick pocket named Kong. Things take a turn for the worse for Joe’s last kill: A beloved Hong Kong politician.

Tuesday

American Teen (Nanette Burstein, Chris Huddleston, Eli Gonda, Jordan Roberts)

Relive senior year of high school with “American Teen,” a documentary that follows five teenagers through their final year of high school in Warsaw, Ind. Filmmaker Nanette Burstein uses subjects who capture typical teenage stereotypes, giving the audience an opportunity to watch similar experiences through different perspectives. This film, which won the Documentary Directing Award at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival, will be shown at 7 and 9 p.m. every night at the Kimball Theater until Saturday.



Saturday

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

Harry casts a love spell

Looks like Harry Potter is into May-December romances. Known for his strange decisions while naked—he’s appeared with full-frontal nudity in “Equus” on both Broadway and the West End — Daniel Radcliffe apparently lost his virginity to an older woman. No details on her exact age, but, according to US Weekly, the age difference “would freak some people out.” The 19-year-old British heartthrob insists his first between-the-sheets liaison “wasn’t ridiculous.”



Headlining in gossip

Oh, the drama. Page Six spotted rumored gossip gay Chace Crawford making a move on Amanda Hearst. The publishing heiress — whose cousin, socialite Lydia Hearst, and uncle, author Jay McInerney, guest starred on the season finale and season premiere, respectively, of “Gossip Girl” — invited the oft-shirtless ‘GG’ star to her mother’s Hamptons home this weekend. Maybe someone’s looking for a guest-starring gig.

One more time

After a tumultuous year, Britney Spears claims she’s gotten her life back on track. This time, Showbiz Spy says she credits her dad, Jamie. The model father hired her a personal trainer, chef, lifestyle coach and alcohol counselor. Brit — whose mom just released a tell-all about her regrets and failures in raising the princess of pop — has been rumored as the lead act at the Video Music Awards, which airs Sunday. Funny, seems like we’ve heard this story before.



Never settle for just friends

Often characterized by the media as a lovesick puppy trying to pin down a man at any cost, Jennifer Anniston has a guest-starring role on “30 Rock” this season, according to Us Weekly. The “He’s Just Not That into You” star will play Liz Lemon’s former roommate, an eerie stalker a la “Fatal Attraction,” who becomes infatuated with the dashing Jack Donaghy. Sounds to us like a case of art imitating life.

— by Alice Hahn

Campus strives for energy efficiency

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seems to be somewhat based on the fact that Reveley declined to sign the President’s Climate Commitment last year. The PCC is primarily concerned with climate change; it asks presidents to pledge to a loose framework to achieve carbon neutrality in the coming years. Four comparable Virginia state schools have signed so far: George Mason University, James Madison University, Virginia Commonwealth University and Norfolk State University.

“I think it’s very limited to judge our school by whether or not we joined the PCC. I do think that our school is doing a lot, but we also have a long way to go,” Charlotte Davis ’10, co-facilitator of SEAC, said. “And I think Reveley made that clear in his speech — that we’re doing great things but we need to keep doing great things this year and beyond.”

Vice President for Development Anna Martin echoes SEAC’s disappointment with the ranking system.

“It is not a fair assessment of our program,” she said. “I think it completely misrepresents the facts. [We probably got a low score] because they didn’t take the time to ask us about our program. They simply made assumptions based on a little knowledge — always a dangerous thing.”

Dennis Taylor teaches marine science at Virginia Institute of Marine Science and introduction to environmental science classes here on campus. He and Linda Butler, interim dean at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, read the article about a week ago and responded with a letter to

the editor.

“Our letter questions the assertion made in a single paragraph, without any supporting data or citations to substantiate the claim being made, and points out the increased focus on sustainable practices that has occurred over several years at W&M,” he said. “We have requested that the authors provide their data and sources so that we might evaluate them. As of this writing, we have had no response to this request.”

Last fall the Sustainable Endowments Institute gave the College a D- in environmental sustainability in a report they released; the ranking was based on a number of factors, including investment policies and the number of “green” buildings. But the College just received a grade of 84 on sustainability from the Princeton Review.

Taylor, Butler and Martin all cite the Princeton Review as a fairer evaluation.

“That’s a solid B, not a failure, and I believe it is a more fair grade for William and Mary,” Martin said. “We admit we have a way to go, but we have a policy, a commitment, some solid accomplishments and a plan to move us forward.”

Cress said that it is important to look ahead to new rankings, as we realize we are taking our first steps toward sustainability.

“The people who do know about the ranking are disappointed that all their work has been totally overlooked,” she said. “But it is better to look ahead to future rankings to try to get accomplishments that are very real.”

Summer music hits high and low notes

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have you stealing some of Brown’s moves on the dance floor — and most likely falling flat on your ass. The song is filled with Brown’s charismatic, vocoder-coated voice to fit the silky, upbeat blend of techno/R&B effects produced by Polow da Don.

“I Kissed A Girl,” Katy Perry

With the most nauseating song of the summer (which both genders probably enjoyed), Katy Perry has definitely made a name for cherry flavored chapstick since confessing her girl-on-girl affairs. Whether it’s offensive or not (I won’t get into the politics of the song), one has to commend her for taking the taboo subject of experimentation and adding a new, commercial spin that everyone can — and did — sing along to.

“Bleeding Love,” Leona Lewis

Acting as complete opposite to the feisty, soul-drenched Brit singers that have appeared on the U.S. charts, Lewis has already been compared to the major divas in the music industry (Mariah

Carey, Celine Dion). Surprisingly, written by Jesse McCartney and lead singer Ryan Tedder of OneRepublic, “Bleeding Love” has become the perfect pop ballad of the summer. Lewis lifts the song with her sweet-tempered, almost timid vocals and pushes it into the high register, expressing some seriously raw, passionate emotion. Hopefully her career won’t bring her to dressing up in hot pink short shorts while waving the British flag at a race track. (Sound familiar?)



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THAT GIRL

Pink-loving Kelly Carter sings her heart out

By MELSIE McREYNOLDS  
Flat Hat That Girl Columnist

Completely put together and excited to start her morning, Kelly Carter sat down with me to discuss her life — including her love of the color pink. Our chat on the Terrace under the bright morning sun felt like talking to an old friend. Mentor chair of College Outreach, Orientation Aide Director for the recent Freshmen Orientation, and a recruitment chair for sorority recruitment, Kelly probably could use a triple shot espresso. Instead, she opts for tea and a blueberry muffin. She even brought her own mug to help save the environment.

What’s something about you that most people might not know?

I’m in an a capella group. I got a lot of comments this week, people are like “You’re in the Christopher Wren singers? Really?”

Also, my fun fact is that I used to work in an asphalt plant. It was a lot of fun and really interesting. I know that I will never be a geologist or anything of the sort, but it was a good experience.

What kind of experiences led you to become so active on campus?

Really, it comes down to all the great people here. It’s not any experience in particular, but it’s the really great interactions I’ve had with people and all the great relationships I’ve formed.

Do you know David Hindman? He’s the guy who runs the Wesley Foundation. He’s a really great guy. He’s really spiritual and even though I was never involved in Wesley Foundation he was friends with the minister at my hometown church. He really took the time to look after me and make sure things were going okay, especially freshman and sophomore years. He definitely still looks out for me. Having that encouragement there really meant a lot. It’s important to always have that center and to know God is always there for you.

What’s your favorite tradition?

It has to be Convocation. Not just because we just did it — no one else does that. It’s a very unique tradition. It’s very symbolic of the W&M experience. I feel like everybody takes that away when they graduate.

If you were lost in a building or museum alone, which building or museum would you want it to be?

I’d like to be lost in the Grand Old Opry Hotel forever. You go through all the gardens and it’s just beautiful — in the heart of the south, right where I’d love to be. I’ll always be a



ASHLEY MORGAN — THE FLAT HAT

Southern girl.

What has been your favorite project or thing you’ve been a part of since you’ve been at the College of William and Mary?

The most recent thing that I’ve been most proud of has been orientation — just being a part of welcoming the new students and making sure they are having a good experience. I think the beginning of any experience really sets the tone for the rest of it and it’s something that’s really important at W&M. From all the conferences that Mark Sikes and all the other OADs attended, they said that coming back, W&M has the best orientation. We’re the best at what we do. That’s really good to know — some schools don’t have orientation and you think about the dropout rates there and you think of the type of people who go to that school and you think how cool that is.

That and the Wrens. They are kind of equal in things that I’m proud of.

How do you stay so happy and upbeat all the time?

Everybody has a certain level of stress. They have that paper that was due eight days ago and you’re just now starting it.

There’s always something I can be thankful for. No matter how crappy things are, life is actually really awesome, because I’m not starving in a third world country. I have so many things to be thankful for, so that’s why. Sometimes, when you have to take time out, it’s okay. I don’t think people know that it’s okay to not be around people. You can sit and have a moment, it’s okay.

What’s your favorite color?

Pink is my favorite color, and while that’s the girliest of girly colors, I love pink.

This is a long story: The first woman I ever took voice lessons from,

I thought she was a crackpot because she was a very free spirited person and before her I’d never had anything to do with colors and being free. I thought that she was stuck in 1970s. She taught me these color schemes. I really grew to love and respect her. She was the top notch voice teacher in the Roanoke Valley. She took me on as a project, because normally she only worked with adults who were established in their voice and mature. Here I am a 16 year old learning to sing. She taught me a lot: She taught me about how when you sing it’s like singing a color, singing an emotion. Each color was an emotion and there’s the whole range of them. One day she gave me a hug and told me “Ya know Kelly, you were always pink.” Pink is supposed to be warm, bright and happy — it’s different from yellow.

She was the first person who got me to sing with emotion and actually think about what I’m singing and about music in an artistic and romantic sense. I owe her everything that I’ve ever done in music.

What’s your favorite YouTube video?

I like all of the “My New Haircut” videos on YouTube. They are all hilarious and crack me up. They have an Asian one and a Jewish one — you have to watch them all.

Finally, if you could be a member of a band, what band would it be?

I think I’d have to be a member of the Pussy Cat Dolls.

After this question, I left Kelly singing parodies of Pussycat Dolls and talking about Tenacious D with a mutual friend on the Terrace. I could hear “Don’t you wish your girlfriend like was hot like me?” as I walked away. Maybe the Christopher Wren singers should do a remake.



## SPORTS IN BRIEF

## TRIBE SPORTS

Tropical Storm Hanna  
disrupts Tribe game plans

As Tropical Storm Hanna approaches Williamsburg, College officials are adjusting team schedules.

The field hockey contest against Columbia University tomorrow has been moved up to 9 a.m. to avoid the brunt of Hanna.

The College will likely postpone Saturday night's men's soccer match against Campbell University as well. The match could be rescheduled for Sept. 24 or 25.

Tribe football will face North Carolina State University tomorrow at 6 p.m. as scheduled. N.C. State Athletic Director Lee Fowler said the school will continue to monitor Tropical Storm Hanna's track in case it moves farther west.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

College names Meredith  
Geiger-Walton head coach

The College of William and Mary hired Meredith Geiger-Walton as its head coach. Previous coach Kevin Epley resigned on July 17 after five years at the helm of the Tribe. Geiger-Walton, a 1995 graduate of Arizona State University, is the team's fourth head coach since 1984. She comes to the College after spending the last seven years as the director of the tennis academy at the St. Stephen's Episcopal School in Austin, Tex. In addition to the St. Stephen's School, Geiger-Walton served as an assistant coach to the University of Texas's women's team from 2001 to 2002, and she was named the ITA Assistant Coach of the Year in the Southwest Region in 2002. She competed on the WTA national tour from 1994 to 1996.

## VOLLEYBALL

Skipper earns CAA player  
of the week award

Sophomore Erin Skipper collected her first-ever CAA Player of the Week honor thanks to her outstanding play at the recent Tribe Invitational. Skipper averaged 12 digs and more than 16 kills per match during the College's three-tournament matches. Skipper was twice named CAA Rookie of the Week last season and became the first Tribe player since October 2007 to garner the player of the week honor. Her play has the College sitting at 3-0 — its most successful start since 1992.

— By Chris Weidman

## SCHEDULE

## Fri., Sept. 5

## VOLLEYBALL

vs. No. 3 Stanford\* — 6 p.m.

## Sat., Sept. 6

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Lou Onesty Invitational — Charlottesville, Va.

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Lou Onesty Invitational — Charlottesville, Va.

## MEN'S GOLF

Maryland Collegiate — Cambridge, Md.

## FIELD HOCKEY

COLUMBIA — 9 a.m.

## VOLLEYBALL

vs. Saint Louis\* — Noon  
vs. No. 19 Illinois\* — 6 p.m.

## FOOTBALL

@ N.C. State — Raleigh, N.C.  
— 6 p.m.

## MEN'S SOCCER

CAMPBELL — 7 p.m.

## Sun., Sept. 7

## MEN'S GOLF

Maryland Collegiate — Cambridge, Md.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

COLUMBIA — 12:30 p.m.

## FIELD HOCKEY

PRINCETON — 2 p.m.

\*Games played in St. Louis, Mo.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

## College overpowers Brigham Young

*Lauer's first goal of season, Zimmeck's fourth cap rout of the Cougars*

By JACK LAMBERT

*The Flat Hat*

## TRIBE 4, BYU 1

Coming into Thursday night's game with Brigham Young University, College of William and Mary senior left back Abby Lauer figured her main responsibility to be stopping a BYU attack, which averages two goals a game.

But responsibilities change, so in addition to stopping the Cougars' attack, Lauer finished as the game's points leader, scoring one goal and assisting on another, as the Tribe (2-1-1) trounced BYU 4-1.

"It was unexpected for me, but I'm a senior now and it's important to step up like that," Lauer said.

Lauer opened the scoring in the 18th minute, sending one

into the box from near midfield that deflected off a BYU defender for an own goal. It was Lauer's first goal of the season and matched her career high in goals.

Senior midfielder Danielle Collins added a second goal in the 23rd minute, scoring on a header to the back post off a corner from senior back Meredith Brown.

In the first minute of the second frame, the Tribe continued its corner kick magic as junior forward Kellie Jenkins scored off of a corner from Lauer. Jenkins settled the ball and put it past the BYU keeper to the near post for her first goal of the season.

"I went over there and usually we try to hit it back-post to the second stick, but [Head Coach John Daly] told me to keep it low," Lauer said. "So I drove it across and Kelly just worked real hard to get in there, get

in front of the keeper, muscle her off and get it in."

Claire Zimmeck added an insurance goal in the 67th minute to end the College's scoring.

BYU's lone goal came in the 58th minute when Lauren Anderson fired a shot off the left post and past College senior keeper Meghan Walker, who recorded five saves.

The Tribe consistently executed on the long ball all night, playing the ball up field to streaking attackers and putting pressure on the BYU backline.

"Abby is a great server of the ball into the attacking third and she strikes the ball beautifully," Daly said. "She knows when she needs to be knocking it long and when she needs to make space for herself and play it shorter. She was one of the key players tonight."



BENJAMIN HUFF — THE FLAT HAT  
Senior forward Claire Zimmeck

## FOOTBALL

## Waiting for the Wolfpack



SPENCER ATKINSON — THE FLAT HAT

*The College heads to Raleigh, N.C., tomorrow for a matchup with ACC opponent N.C. State. The Tribe fell 38-9 in its last game with the Wolfpack in 1999.*

By MATT POMS

*Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor*

Twenty-eight years ago, College of William and Mary Head Coach Jimmye Laycock stood on the sidelines of North Carolina State University's Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh. The afternoon marked his first contest as Tribe head coach, a regime that began poorly as N.C. State rolled to a commanding 42-0 victory.

Tomorrow Laycock will return to that same sideline as the owner of 182 career victories, 18 winning seasons and nine playoff appearances.

There, a veteran Tribe team with experience playing in hostile road environments could give Laycock a good chance at pulling a marquee upset.

However, the Tribe will journey to Raleigh at less than full strength. The squad's top two running backs, senior DeBrian

Holmes and sophomore Courtland Mariner, are both set to miss tomorrow's opener with injuries, forcing Laycock and offensive coordinator Zbig Kepa to alter the game plan.

"One of the things we wanted to do this year was to get more speed and more playmakers on the field and to get the ball to them," Laycock said. "[Holmes and Mariner] are two of our five playmakers, so that may have to change some things."

Last week, the Wolfpack were blasted 34-0 in their season opener at the University of South Carolina. That result leaves a hungry College squad, aided by the return of 18 of 22 starters, with visions of a big win to jumpstart their 2008 campaign.

"It's a big challenge, a big opportunity for our players to go and be in that environment," Laycock said. "We look forward to the opportunity to go and see what we can do against one of the top teams in the

ACC."

Defensively, the Tribe will be charged with slowing down the Wolfpack backfield duo of Andre Brown and Jamelle Eugene. While Eugene is questionable for tomorrow's contest with an ankle injury, he was N.C. State's leading rusher in 2007. Brown went over the 100-yard mark against South Carolina.

Regardless of the result, the opportunity to compete against a top-level opponent will provide Laycock and his coaching staff with an excellent chance to assess their squad before the start of CAA action.

"You really don't know what you have until you actually play a game," Laycock said. "It helps out our football team to compete on that level, and it helps us to identify the areas that may need more work."

While that aspect is certainly beneficial, an eager Tribe squad still feels that it can steal a shocking upset from a beleaguered

major program — something with which Laycock is familiar.

Over the course of his 28 years at the College, Laycock's squads have shown a repeated willingness to compete against top-level Football Bowl Subdivision talent. For 10 straight years, the College has faced schools from the FBS, the longest current streak in the CAA. Under Laycock, the Tribe has posted upset wins against the University of Virginia in 1986, the United States Naval Academy in 1987 and 1991, and Temple University in 1998.

Tomorrow offers the College another chance at a win against an ACC opponent.

"I think [experience] definitely helps; we've got maturity on our team and I think I have to feel confident against N.C. State," senior cornerback Derek Cox said. "The goal is always to win. We'll treat them like every other opponent."

## CROSS COUNTRY 2008

## College sets sights on postseason

By JAMISON SHABANOWITZ

*The Flat Hat*

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Losing three-time All-American Christo Landry and fellow sub 14-minute 5,000 meter runner Ian Fitzgerald hurts the College of William and Mary at the front of the pack, but the Tribe still returns a group of seasoned runners.

Head Coach Alex Gibby's boys are looking to continue one of the best active streaks in Tribe sports: 11 straight NCAA championship berths, the fifth longest active streak in the country. To get back to nationals, they need to perform well in regional competition, where they have been close to winning in recent years.

"We have to match up well at regions," Gibby said. "That is what we are working toward."

The team does have a few people who know what it is like to enjoy success at that level. Juniors Ben Massam, Patterson Wilhelm and University of Oklahoma transfer Jon Grey are all-region runners. Add in classmates Harry Miller, Colin Leak and Charlie Swartz, and it's clear that this team still has experience on its side.

But Gibby knows it takes time for his runners to post positive returns. Massam, Wilhelm and Leak all have NCAA Championship experience, while Miller just missed qualifying to the NCAA Championships in the steeplechase.

"It's like a bank account," Gibby said. "Hopefully, with all the interest building up after a few years, you would hope to see more than what you started with."

The faster these "funds" mature, the quicker the Tribe will meet its expectations.

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

To return to the top of regional competition, the College of William and Mary will lean on the experience and talent of 12 upperclassmen this fall.

"We have lots of experience," Head Coach Kathy Newberry said. "Paired with the proper preparation and the right attitude, we should have some success this season"

The Tribe tries to peak at the regional level as opposed to the conference level. Last season the College finished 10th in the Southeast region, which includes Duke University, North Carolina State University and the University of North

Carolina-Chapel Hill.

"We're definitely looking to redeem ourselves this year," junior Robin Vaneman said. Newberry and company will try to ensure this goal is met in 2008.

A group of upperclassmen, including senior All-CAA runners Emily Schroeder and Rebecca Ward, were part of the last Tribe team that raced at the NCAA Championships. Junior Emily Anderson is the Tribe's top returner. She had a breakout sophomore track season, finishing fifth in the NCAA Championship meet at 1,500 meters and racing at the Olympic Trials.

"Success during the track seasons will help," Newberry said.

Anderson, one of several juniors, leads the College's 2008 roster. Juniors Lynn Morelli and Meghan Burns, who raced at the NCAA Southeast Regional, also recorded strong outdoor seasons.

One sophomore to watch is Betsy Graney. Before having some problems this summer with tendonitis in her knee, she ran the 3,000-m steeplechase this summer at the world junior championships and was in the cross country team's top 12 runners as a freshman last year.



COURTESY PHOTO — W&M SPORTS INFO  
Junior Ben Massam